

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: "Those who want to save their life will lose it," Jesus said.

C: **"And those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."**

P: As those who seek to follow faithfully, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: O God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift,

C: **we confess that we are imperfect. Our minds are filled with hate and prejudice; our tongues are uncontrolled; our deeds do not bear witness to our faith. As sinners we stand condemned. We plead the merits of your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, who willed and spoke and did what you command. For our sakes he obeyed; for his sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: The will of God is your redemption. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In his name and for his sake, I declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins. The Lord is your helper; who, then, can declare you guilty?

C: **We take up the cross, as faithful followers.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN – Trust and Obey

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have

promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – My Faith Looks Up To Thee

THE SERMON – "Yielding to Spiritual Maturity"

THE APOSTLES CREED

LEADER: *We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:*

CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.


People: Hear our prayer.

THE OFFERTORY AND THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

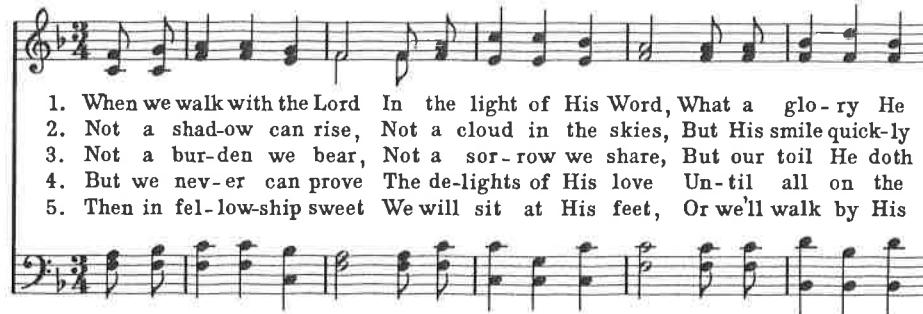
THE HYMN: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Trust and Obey

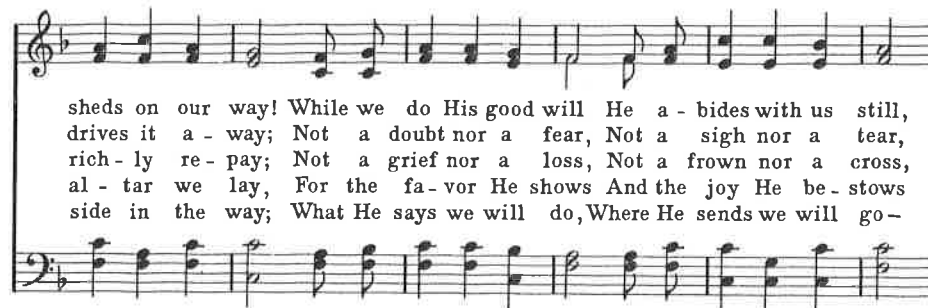
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JOHN H. SAMMIS, 1846-1919

DANIEL B. TOWNER, 1850-1919

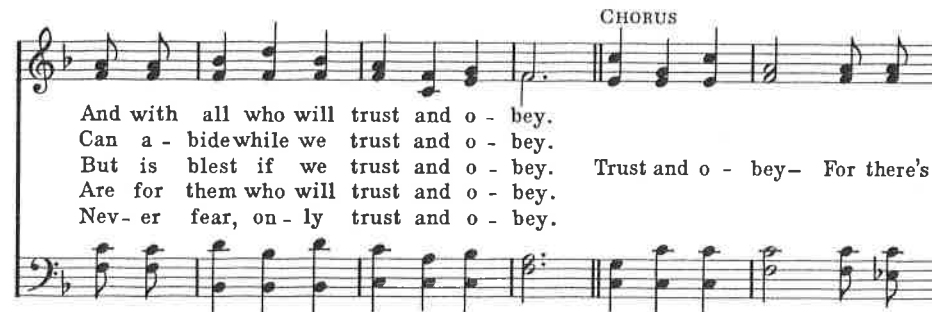


1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo-ry He
 2. Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
 3. Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth
 4. But we nev-er can prove The de-lights of His love Un-til all on the
 5. Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a - bides with us still,
 drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
 rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
 al - tar we lay, For the fa - vor He shows And the joy He be - stows
 side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go -

CHORUS



And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 Can a - bidewhile we trust and o - bey.
 But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey- For there's
 Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 Nev-er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way To be hap-py in Je-sus But to trust and o - bey.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 trust re-move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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He Leadeth Me

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JOSEPH H. GILMORE, 1834-1918

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

1. He lead-eth me! O bless-ed thought! O words with heav'n-ly
 2. Some-times' mid-scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's
 3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev-er mur-mur
 4. And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy grace the

com-fort fraught! What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still
 bow-ers bloom, By wa-ters still, o'er trou-bled sea, Still
 nor re-pine; Con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, Since
 vic-t'ry's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since

CHORUS

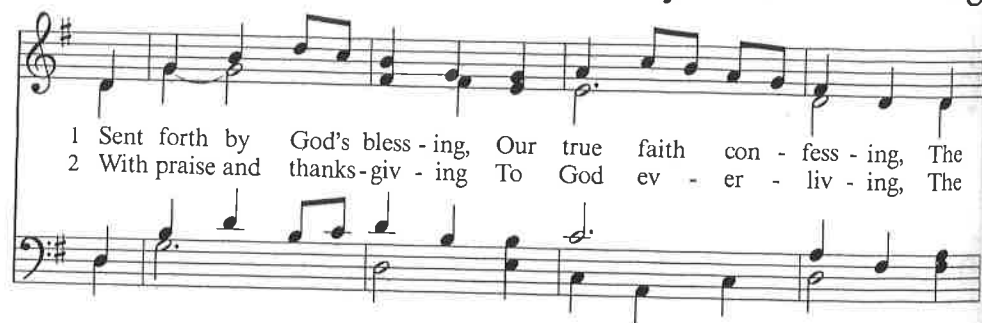
'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 'tis His hand that lead-eth me! He lead-eth me, He
 'tis my God that lead-eth me!
 God thru Jor-dan lead-eth me.

lead-eth me, By His own hand He lead-eth me; His faith-ful

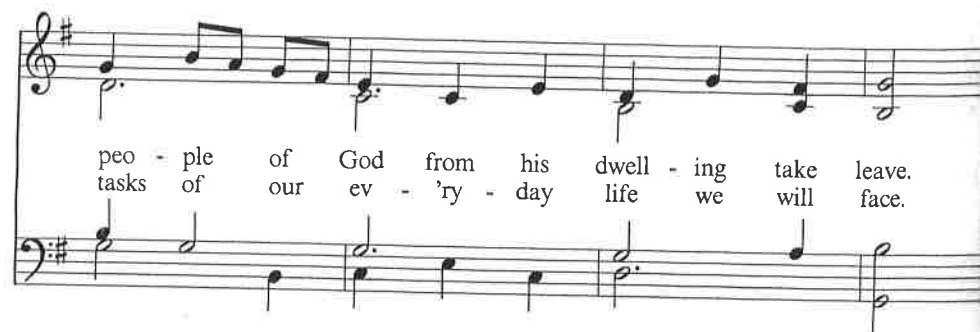
fol-l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me.

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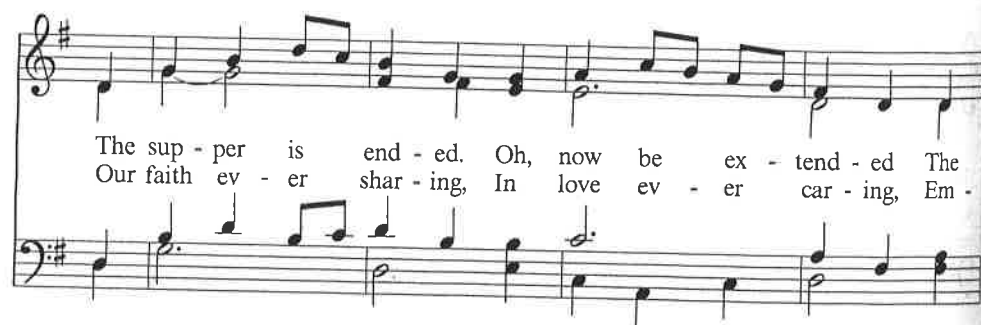
Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The
2 With praise and thanks-giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The



peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we take will face.



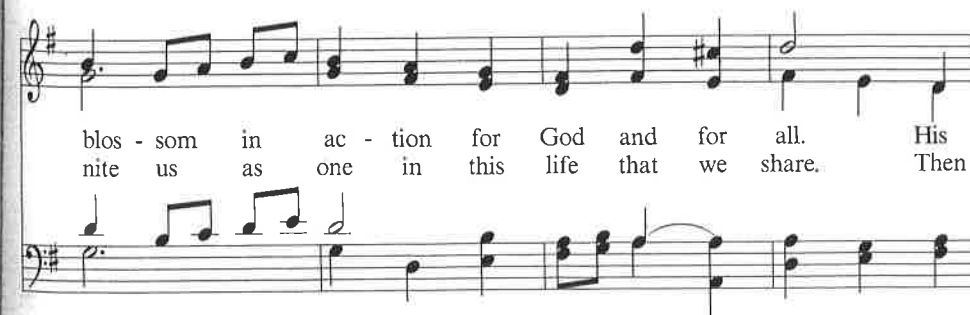
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -



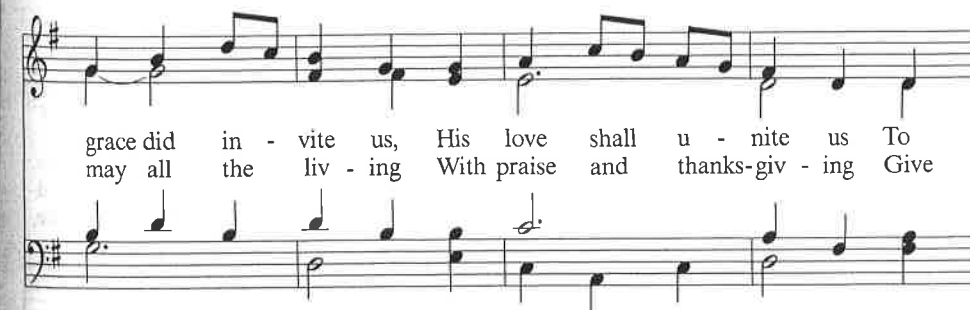
fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve, The
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race. With



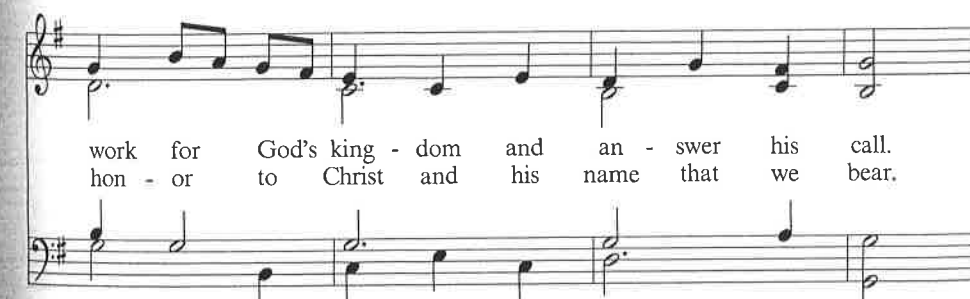
seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall
your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; U -



blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His
nite us as one in this life that we share. Then



grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To
may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks-giv - ing Give



work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.